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# Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1995

*A one volume collection of comprehensively indexed tables on social, economic, and political topics from over 200 sources*

To get a glimpse of America up close, take a look at the *1995 Statistical Abstract of the United States*, the Federal Government's perennial best-seller. "Uncle Sam's Almanac" covers everything from students using computers to the Federal budget deficit, to visits to emergency rooms. See figure 1 for some new highlights.

How to perpetuate a best seller? Glenn King and his Statistical Compendia staff at Census give the book a new twist every year. "New tables are added to keep us current with the rest of the world," says Lars Johanson, a supervisor on the staff.

## Highlights From the 1995 Statistical Abstract

- Outpatient surgeries as a percentage of total surgeries have grown from 16 percent in 1980 to 55 percent in 1993.
- The amount of municipal waste recovered or recycled increased from about one-third of a pound per person per day in 1980 to 1 pound in 1993.
- Sales of Windows-based computer software increased by 147 percent between 1992 and 1994, while MS-DOS sales declined by 50 percent.

Figure 1

He spoke about the 92 new tables covering the years 1988 to 1994 now in the *Abstract* that are from the *U.S. Industrial Outlook*, a popular analysis of the economy previously available from the International Trade Administration.

"These tables deal with value of products and industrial shipments, employment, value added, value of exports and imports, hourly earnings, and capital expenditures."

The tables throughout the *Abstract* come from hundreds of sources, including government agencies, trade associations, and research institutions.

There are 76 new tables throughout the other sections of the *Abstract*. These include many from the 1992 Economic and Agriculture Censuses. See figure 2 for a selection of new tables for 1995.

"We're adding more graphs and maps all the time too," observes Ed Jagers another member of the *Abstract* staff.

## CD-ROM

It has more data than can fit into the book. Johanson says, "The disc contains all that appears in the publication, minus a few copyrighted tables, plus additional years of data for time-series presentations (i.e., data for multiple years), greater detail in tabular format, and more

## A Selection of the Over 160 New Tables Added to the 1995 Abstract

- Estimated Undocumented Immigrants, by Selected States and Countries of Origin: 1992 and 1994
- Elderly Home Care Patients: 1993
- Student Use of Computers: 1984 and 1993
- Profile of Consumer Expenditures for Sound Recordings: 1990 to 1993
- Mutual Fund Shares — Holdings and Net Purchases, by Type of Investor: 1980 to 1994
- Federal Outlays for General Science, Space, and Technology: 1970 to 1995
- U.S. Mail Order Sales, by Kind of Business: 1981 to 1992
- Homeownership Rates by State: 1984 to 1994
- Public Lands — Disposal: 1980 to 1993

Figure 2

geography, such as more data for States and smaller areas."

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The *TextWare Lite* software is again provided on the disc. The DOS version of this software will run on any IBM PC or compatible with 640 K RAM and 286 or better microprocessor. This allows users with "older" microcomputers to continue using our disc. You may still use *TextWare* even with a monochrome monitor. The software requires no installation. Type "GO" and you're in. You now

can proceed with three different kinds of searches.

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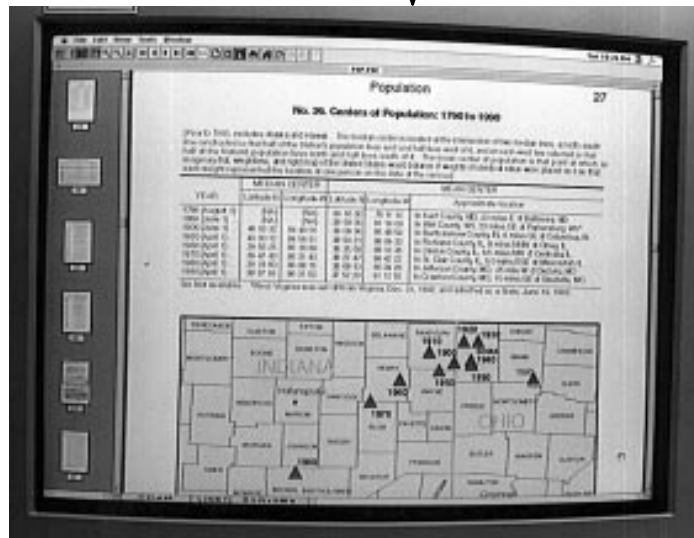
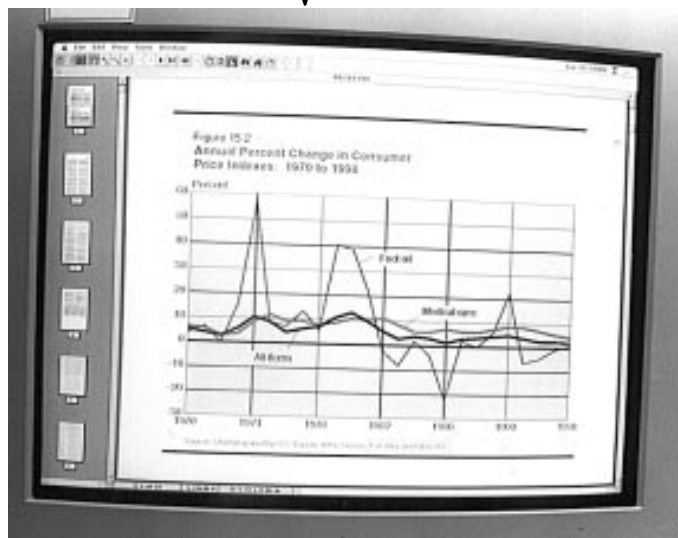
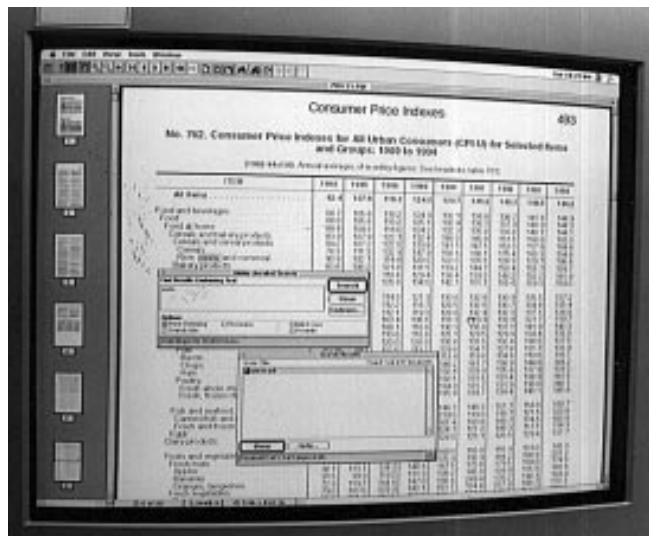
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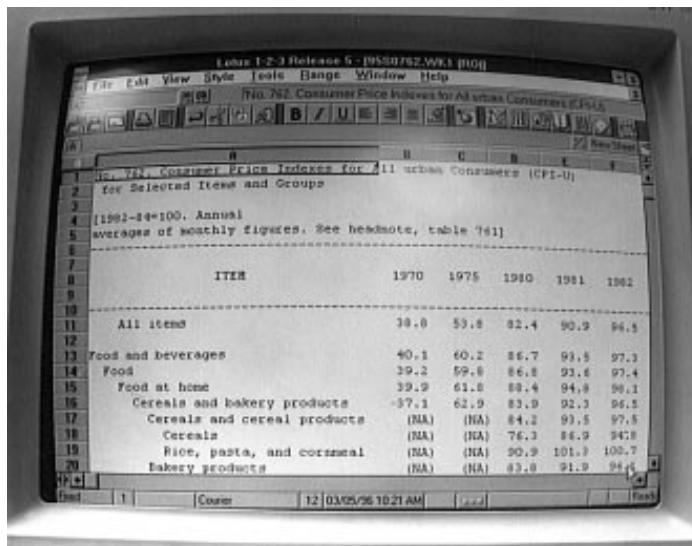
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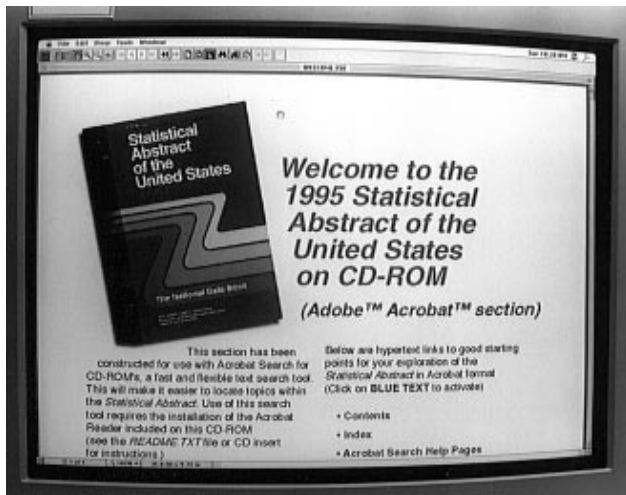
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